



A Production of the ORHS Journalism Class

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## "THE BUTLER SAID IT" KICKS OFF DRAMA SEASON



The cast of student directed play, "The Butler Said It". From left to right are: Skot Long, Emily Franzosa, Gabe Brown, Rob Martin, Megan Mieras, James Walsh, Peter Grant, Sarah Gooze, Nicole Bellabona, and Todd Whitford.

by Ginger Smith  
"The Butler Said It", a comedy written by Senior Kyle Downey, commenced the ORHS theatrical season with performances on Oct. 17th and 18th.

Described as "a satire of British satirical comedy, written by an American", the play was well received by the audience. The script content and character portrayals of both royalty and "common peasants" combined, lead to incidents that were hilarious.

It all starts when an island is bought by a man who wants to be royalty. Through a series of titles, snooty behavior, a near trip to Cleveland, a Dead Body, and a chat with the Stable Manager of the non-existent stables, it turns out that the servants are actually in charge instead of the peerage. A disastrous dinner par-

ty with everyone including the "Dead" Body present and a band named "Spinal Shock Damage" is the climax of the play. The cast is described as being "wonderful" by Kyle Downey.

Author Kyle Downey received a large battle axe, and all cast members including lighting director Joe Burke received a red rose for their participation.

Cast members include Jason Mosley, Sarah Gooze, Nichole Bellabona, James Walsh, Kate Smith, Larissa Crockett, Todd Whitford, Robert Martin, Gabe Brown, Megan Mieras, Peter Grant, Tom Lan- ois, Skot Long, Emily Franzosa, Bryan Kill- ough, Jim Spires, Glenn Watt, Chris West- ton, Andy Dolph.

Student director Amy Holmes is described as "marvelous" by cast member Emily Franzosa.

## SLASHED BUDGET CAUSES LARGER CLASSES AND SOME PROGRAM CUTS FOR 1991-92

by Matt Swanson

Budget cuts, put in effect at the March 19th school district meeting this year, have resulted in much larger classes according to several faculty members. Five teachers have either left or been reduced from full-time to part time teaching and the rest of the teachers are feeling the impact.

Mrs. Tagliaferro in the math department has one class of 30 people which would otherwise be two classes. In astronomy, not as many students were able to take the class this year due to a lack of books. There wasn't enough money to buy a complete set of new books which would be needed for additional students. Some English classes have been moved to being offered every other year because there aren't enough teachers to teach them and not enough students to take them. One class where that has happened is Advanced Writing. That class is now offered every other year.

Having five fewer teachers has affected many of the school's other departments. For

the most part, the classes have become overcrowded. In the Math department, Mr. Nichols used to have 2 classes, one with 14 students and another with 11. Now he has 25 students in one class. In P.E. where there were three teachers and now there are only two, there is less variety for the students in P.E. this year. Students can only choose from two selections which means more people doing the same thing.

The crowded classes also mean less time for students. Teachers are unable to spend as much time with individual students as they may have in the past. According to Mrs. Dodge, the larger classes mean, "less time for any one student to discuss his or her point of view."

The cuts have also affected the nurse's office. There is less money for Mrs. Reeves, the school nurse, to buy first aid supplies and equipment. She now has to watch what she gives to students. There is still money to pay for important supplies but not as much as there was. Mrs. Reeves also has to

share a hearing machine with the new elementary school, Moharimet. Her computer also needs to be updated but due to the lack of funds that most likely won't happen this year.

For Ms. Kishbaugh in Home Ec., some students have found that

they can't take certain classes because of limited periods for required classes. Fewer teachers means fewer times for required courses to be offered.

The only department not affected by cuts is the athletics department. No money was cut from that budget. In fact there was a 4.9% increase in money. The increase in money is used to buy equipment which may end up costing more if bought at a later date. The other side to this is that even by cutting all sports, there still wouldn't be enough money to keep all 5 teachers that were cut.

Despite the cuts, some teachers feel ORHS is still an "excellent" school but cuts have weakened the school some. As Mr. Maynard said, he's "always thought of OR as one of the best schools in the state."



## LET'S GO GRANITE STATE CHALLENGE TEAM OR team eyes second round GRANITE STATE CHALLENGE TO BE AIRED OCT. 27 ON PBNH

by Meredith Sawyer

On October 9, the Oyster River High School Granite State Challenge team finished their first taping of competition against New Hampton.

This year's Granite State team, coached by Ms. Kentner, is composed of five seniors and one junior. The are: Liz Bucar, Graham Duncan, Russ DeForest, Eric Ritvo, and Jonah Salloway and junior captain Patrick Russell.

Ms. Kentner stated, "The team looks great this year. We have really achieved a balance in the team." When asked why she chose to coach the team this year, she replied, "I have always enjoyed watching the Granite State Challenge and I

thought it would be fun."

The last year that Oyster River participated in the Granite State Challenge was in 1988. Although it is open for Oyster River to participate every other year, we have not for the past two years, which remains a mystery to all.

Tryouts for the Granite State team consisted of an oral and a written test, and were open to all interested students. These tests were to prove that the students had amassed a broad range of knowledge on many topics.

Only four of the six team members were allowed to be on the show, with the other two acting as alternates. Kentner said

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## COUNCIL SEEKS STUDENT INPUT ON SCHOOL RULES

by Caroline Tully

Providing school unity and establishing good lines of communication are the two main issues facing the Student Council this year, according to President Eric Ritvo.

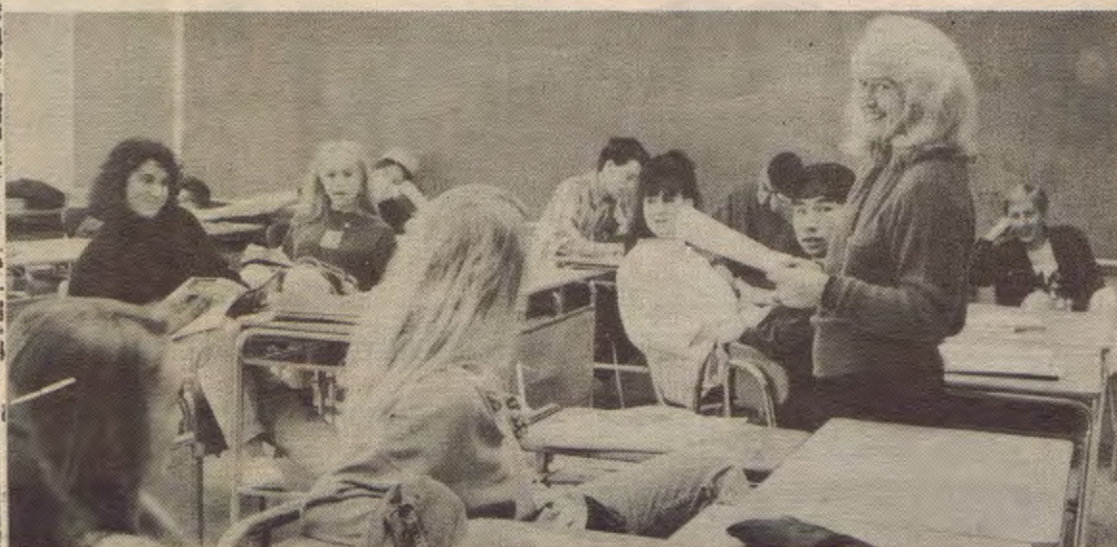
The primary topic that the student council is addressing right now is the lack of communication between the faculty and the students. The Student Council, as well as many others, feel that the students are not being consulted about issues concerning the student body. For instance, the dress code and other decisions of recent years were examples cited by Ritvo. The student council is considering ways to exercise their power and "act as a liaison between the administration, faculty and the student body" as stated in the Student Council Constitution.

Their latest proposal is one that would create better dialogue patterns within the school. Within this proposal, the students' feelings and attitudes will be carefully considered.

The main objective of the Student Council is "to unify the school," says Vice President Kevin Haley, and President Eric Ritvo adds that they want to

"find out what the students want." To achieve this unity, Student Council has planned the Clam Slam Volleyball Tournament which will be beginning at the close of the fall sports season. Other events include Winterfest, a ping-pong tournament, field day and the Sadie Hawkins Dance. It is hoped that these activities will help bring about the unification of the classes. At a recent meeting, Ritvo expressed his desire to "as a Student Council, become effective" in promoting unity and school spirit.

The officers are President Eric Ritvo, Vice President Kevin Haley, Secretary Amanda McAuley, Treasurer Nicole Bellabona and Corresponding Secretary Susan Morris. The representatives from the senior class are Jen Olsen, Dean Kennedy and Brigid Murray. From the junior class are Becky Bucar, Chuck Bryon and Stefany Shaheen. Representatives from the sophomore class are Scott McGarrell, Hunt Howell and Melissa Waleryzak. The newly-elected freshman representatives are Kyan Bellabona, Kelly DeForest and Meadow Lang.



### Economics classes

## TWO APPROACHES TO LEARN \$\$

by Denis Luken

What is economics anyway? Is it the theories of capital, inflationary forces and gross national product, or is it how to make a buck when times are hard?

Whether the science of economics is principles and theories or products and sales depends on which course you take at O.R.H.S. Since the course is required, which approach is essential.

How can both the social studies and the business economics courses fulfill the state requirement when the students say they are so different? Principal Ann Brown commented that the state does not require a specific economics course because the state wants to give

students the opportunity to choose which course would be best suited to their interest.

According to Ms. Linda Barnaby, business economics teacher, the state recognizes "no distinction between the two courses."

The business economics is a semester course which deals with hands-on experience. Students learn about the business world by selling their own products and learning to manage a business. The economics taught by the social studies department is based on the theory and history of the world's economy. Mrs. Ellen Perry, social studies economics teacher said "A goal of the course is for the students to understand their part in [the economy]."

Should economics be a required course? Phil Nazzaro said "It is important to gain a knowledge of what is happening economically in the world around us."

Sean Wilson said "Knowing the economics of your country, that's pretty important." Some people did not think that the economics class was important. Jamie Bratt said about the business economics class, "They don't take it far enough. The class was too easy, the class wasn't realistic enough, I didn't get a whole lot out of the course."

It seems that the business economics class is more popular than the social studies economics. The busi-

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## O.R. hosts students from nine nations

### ADJUSTMENTS TO U.S. EASIER FOR SOME

by Gray, Thibault

Some teachers have raised questions concerning the education that foreign exchange students are getting at Oyster River.

This year there has been a few problems with certain foreign exchange students not working to their full potential because this school year won't count for them. A lot of the students have already graduated from high school and have come to Oyster River to further their education. Those of them who haven't graduated will return to their school at whatever grade they left off. However, there is the exception of Jordi Sanchez who will earn credits this year and continue school in Spain as usual.

Foreign language teacher Ms. Smith expressed her concern about another aspect of the exchange students education. "Teacher's wonder how much they need to modify their classes if at all." She felt that teachers should know ahead of time if they need to



FOREIGN EXCHANGE: (L to R) Jordi, Alan, Doris, Tor Axel, Slava, Lydia, Natalie, Ben, and Charlotte

give some of the students extra help or alternate materials. Other teachers have seen no problem in the exchange students. Their belief being that students are the same everywhere, there are good students and not so good students everywhere you go.

It is a school board policy that exchange students cannot participate in graduation ceremonies at Oyster River. The reason they cannot is that it's impossible for them to complete all of the required courses in

one year. This sometimes causes a problem with students who are seniors and have enough credits because they feel that they should be able to receive a diploma. Mrs. Brown gives the example of the four years of English that are required, "the English that they have learned in their country is totally different than what is taught here."

Foreign exchange students attending Oyster River this year are Thibault Vales and Charlotte Hamel from

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## New Course for exploring Performing Arts being designed By Mr. Tappan & Mr. Ervin

by Annand Moenns

Mr. Tappan and Mr. Ervin have recently announced the creation of a new course that is being planned for the new school year. They also have applied for a large financial grant from the National Foundation Improvement of Education to provide for equipment, materials and planning time.

The proposed course will be called Exploration in Performance. In the course, students will explore and experience the cultures and modes of expression possible in their world through a collaborative group process which involves research, designing, writing, playing, acting, and singing.

The program will serve 100 students at two levels of participation: Full time in a school class; part time in an expanded day.

In Explo, all students will play acoustic instruments appropriate to their style of music. If for any reason, these are unavailable, students will play digitally controlled instruments.

The primary instrument which will be used is the electronic wind instrument.

This course represents a new direction in music and drama. According to Tappan, this course will not require that students have lots of training or experience with instruments or theater. Nor is it expected that the performances be polished. The major obstacle to the experimental study of global artistic expression has been instrumental music. Varied technologies and an assortment of instruments have made exploratory performing arts classes possible. The Musical Instrument Digital Interface technology has made this dream possible.

The Financial Grant, which was mailed to Washington on October 8th, could bring \$25-70 thousand into the district.

The class has asked for support from the NFIE and for developing and equipment.

The grant is to be awarded in February.



# HOW FAR CAN YOU GO IN THE HALLS? (All the way?)

by Hallway Monitor

You walk down the hall, surrounded on all sides by couples hugging, kissing, touching. You arrive at your locker and find that in order to put your books away you must politely excuse yourself past the latest couple exploring new ground precisely where you must be. They grunt in disgust and move over, only to be directly in your line of vision with the friend you were just talking to. As you continue your conversation over their heads they become indignant and demand to know what you're staring at. "Nothing," you reply, and head off to fight the same battle to get to your first period class. Is the whole world in love?

How far is too far in the hall? Should it be considered appropriate to hang all over your boyfriend/girlfriend before the eyes of the school? I don't think so. Not only is it a display of affection I don't care for, it is plain embarrassing to have to be dodging couples as you walk down the hall, careful to steer your eyes away from those you would rather give privacy - even if they

## MOMENTS SHOULD BE PRIVATE

don't feel a need for it.

Being with your mate in the hall is no longer the result of a

feeling so strong it appears impossible to

keep your bodies apart for one second of the four minute passing period. It has become a contest: Who can go the furthest in the hall.

Arms wrapped around his girlfriend, Joe looks up and smirks at his friend, as if to say "Beat that." How far a couple will go in front of others is of-



John Criswell and Quincy Souza

ten a personal measure of how happy (or in love) a couple is. If a couple doesn't hang all over each other to make their love known, it is then assumed that they don't like each other very much. Maybe they just have a sense of appropriateness.

How far is too far? Living in a college-town where sexual assault is a topic brought up far too often, one would think at least the girls would have a sense of pride in abstinence in the halls. But just taking a tour through the hall anytime during the school day will prove that theory wrong. And if a person expects a vigorous show of attention anytime and any place they want, I must question how much respect they have for the other.

I know I couldn't respect anyone who has no respect for themselves and their own privacy. There is a time and a place for almost anything, and the halls at Oyster River are not the place to show affection. Even if those couples do not feel they need the privacy - many others want to give it to them. And the next time you feel the urge to love your partner - rent a room.

## NEWSPAPER IN DIRE STRAITS, NO \$\$\$\$\$\$

by James Dolan

The Oyster River journalism class has faced troubles this year in funding for the school newspaper, Mouth of the River. The newspaper is finding extreme difficulties in advertising from local stores which pay for

most of the costs of printing and production.

Mr. Tappan, the newspapers head advisor, stated that "This is the worst year for advertising since I've been running the newspaper." The main reason this is due to

the fact that business right now is in a slump from the recession. This causes problems because now the paper must find other alternatives for paying the costs of printing. Some proposed ideas were charging a price for the paper or going to the school board and asking for a larger budget for the paper. The budget for the paper is now \$500.00 but for one issue to be printed it costs about \$300.00. According to Mr. Tappan, the cost of printing rose 20% in the last year alone. Also, according to Editor Tim Myers, the rise in film cost and has hurt the paper as well.

Presently the paper still remains to be free to the students and chances are it will stay that way but in order to make ends meet the journalism class will have to "think creatively" as Mr. Tappan put it.

Myers clearly expressed "It's sad day when the local businesses can't help the youth of the community strive for a better learning experience."

## OR CLASS ACTIVITIES OFF AND RUNNING

by Ginger Smith and Jason Mosley

A night at the Works? Barbecues or inter-class softball games? The possibilities for class activities are endless. In fact, many of these events have already been slated by your class officers and advisers.

Starting the year off was the traditional Senior Dance on September 20th, followed by a Junior barbecue and car wash. Seniors also participated in car wash on Oct. 5th. To the Seniors, fundraising is especially important. According to Senior President Anita Mather, the Senior class has "decided to spend a lot of money to get the Senior yearbook pictures in color" and subsequently has "taken a chunk out of the treasury". Anita Mather also hopes there will be many class activities that will increase the Senior spirit, involve new people, and be fun.

Although the sophomores haven't actually held a class activity, they have a dance planned for November 15th. A night at the Works, ice skating, a Bruins game, and plenty of ski trips are also being planned.

The Juniors had a dance on Oct. 10th and other activities such as an ice cream lun-

cheon are also in the making for late October.

Apart for car washes, fundraisers included a Sophomore bake sale on Oct. 9th and Junior bake sale Oct. 2nd.

Inter-class events are scheduled as well. A Junior-Senior night at the Works is planned for Dec. 7th. Sophomore officers hope to challenge the Juniors to a softball re-match. They are also planning events with the freshmen. The freshmen have not had any class events yet because officer elections were only held Oct. 4th. Freshman Vice-President Pierce Woodward enthusiastically believes that "this freshman class has spirit, and we're going to have fun this year".

However, the success of these events depends on the participation of each student. As Sophomore Class President Kim Golding says, "...Again this year we have a problem with our class participation, because it's always the four officers plus the usual people who help out and are left with the responsibility. If we, as a class, don't expect to participate in fundraisers, then we can't expect to do anything or go anywhere as a class".

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# EDITORIALS

## DRESS RESTRICTIONS HAMPER PERSONAL EXPRESSION

The student handbook for Oyster River High School states: Guidelines for student dress are determined by concerns for human health, hygiene, and rights to a learning environment free from disruptions. It seems there's been quite a furor over clothing worn at ORHS lately. The administration has been taking a major role in what students can and can't wear. The administration has the power to make people change clothing considered inappropriate to a school environment. By the current school handbook, the following are not permitted in school:

1. Any article which is excessively soiled.
2. Any article which would display incident writing, pictures or slogans.
3. Any article which would cause damage to other students or property.
4. Bare torsos, transparent blouses, and articles of clothing which display excessive nudity.
5. Bare feet, shoes with cleats.

All of these rules are clear and concise. So, if an article of clothing doesn't hit a point on this list, it should be allowed. The Supreme Court said on the matter of clothing: Immodest or suggestive clothing, of course, clearly may be prohibited.

By telling the students to change their clothes, the Administration is hampering the creativity of its students. When the boys volleyball team wore dresses, they did not break the Supreme Court's ruling or the student guidelines. The only thing they did was to be different and dress out of the ordinary. I was told I wasn't allowed to hurt the image of ORHS. But, the students are ORHS. If we didn't exist, the school would not be here. If I choose to look a certain way, then that's what ORHS looks like. It's too bad it's not the preppy shirt and tie Ivy League bound image that it seems the Administration would like to portray to the rest of the world, but people can look different and still learn. None of these broke the rules covered in the handbook, yet the males had to take them off. This is a distinct case of Sexism. If a male wants to wear a dress to school, and it's not an offensive dress, then it's blatantly sexist to deny him that privilege. Women in our society frequently cross dress by wearing clothes that were initially considered "male's clothing", i.e. ties, sport jackets (and even, heaven forbid, pants). Unlike a dress code, sexism is illegal in public schools. In fact, it even says on page three of the student handbook: Oyster River does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, or handicap in the administration of its educational policies and programs.

People are different and that is why diversity is usually looked upon favorably in the learning environment. Diversity goes much deeper than the color of one's skin. It almost seems to certain people that it doesn't matter how good or bad ORHS is, but just what ORHS looks like to the outside world. It says on page five of the student handbook that one of the objectives at ORHS is for students to: "learn an appreciation and acceptance of individual differences." If students are really going to learn this value, they will have to see it in ways other than words.

## Seniors stake out halls as theirs

by: DAVE DELUDE  
ANDREW LANCIE

Why are there more than just seniors in "senior hall"? This year there has been an invasion of underclassmen into what has been traditionally known as Senior Hall.

Seniors in the past have always had senior hall to themselves, but this year it's different. Juniors and sophomores have been using senior hall lockers as their own.

The administration contributed to the problem by having such late locker assignments and allowing the students the freedom to go where they please.

With the underclassmen taking upon themselves to move where they pleased, the seniors became upset

and decided to do something about it. Without the help of the administration the seniors took matters into their own hands.

Ms. Winterbottom commented "as long as everyone has a locker, and everyone is happy, there is no problem."

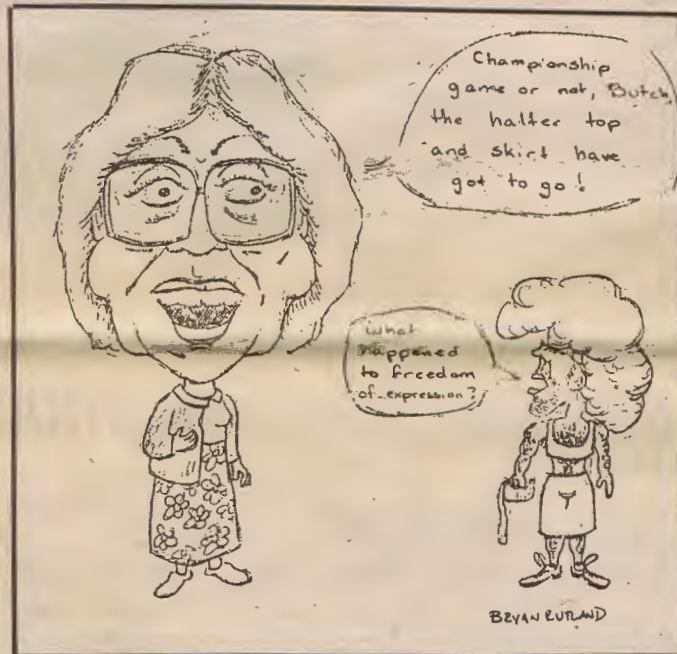
She later commented that seniors were also moving into lockers downstairs so she did not see what the problem was.

When seniors were asked their opinion about the problem, they had this to say.

Senior Abby Burton said "We are not asking that much. We just want to have our own hallway."

Alyssa Newton said, "There are plenty of lockers downstairs, so

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## Dolan's Debris Detection Dumbfounds Doubters!!

## BODIES FOUND IN DEBRIS; ORHS COVERUP REVEALED!!

by James Dolan

Seamus Fleming was looking forward to his senior year at ORHS but after Carl Porter, Oyster River's infamous janitor, found Seamus's half dissolved body, his year has not been what it was cracked up to be. When Seamus was running to class, he passed under a ceiling dripping rain water. but this

wasn't just rain water, it was acid rain. This is one of many accidents that have happened because a lack of responsibility in maintenance.

Few students know of the conspiracy at Oyster River, and the ones that do have been bribed by faculty members to keep their mouths shut. Students don't know about the accidents or even the many deaths that have occurred because it is well covered up by the administration. This has turned into a major scam. The reason for the budget cuts last year were because the school owed so much money in legal law suits.

Maintenance problems range from leaky faucets to the likely possibility of the school collapsing on 447 innocent students. State building inspector, Bob Bambini, strongly

warned "I wouldn't use these rusted building supports for a tree house!" Knowing this, why would Oyster River continue to operate in

such danger?

A female school administrator with the initials are N.W., who would like to remain anonymous, stated "The school is cheap and the last thing I need is a salary cut to pay for school repairs."

In seeking further information on this, I went to the building where the superintendent's office is. On a cold September day, I

began the trek across the soccer field. When stepping inside the office I was amazed at the plush wall to wall carpeting and the soft couches and when I turned over my shoulder, I was stunned to see the sight of a jaczuzi.

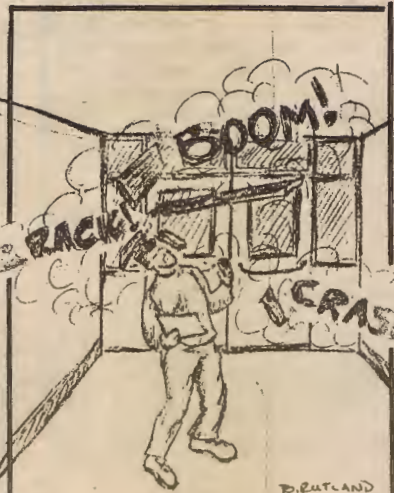
When Superintendent Elvis Keroac was asked of why ORHS is in such bad shape he grunted "I just don't care as long as I'm not in the building. It's just a bunch of good for nothings anyway." So now you know why work has not been done to remove the old WWII mines off the playing fields, the fire extinguishers have not been filled, and the alarms don't work.

Many students are scared to come to school. Freshman Joey Esquivito commented "My friend Bobby was hit by a falling brick and it cracked his skull." Bobby didn't make it. Bobby was found by a student who stumbled across a janitor shoving the corpse into a closet in Ms. Browns office.

So what it boils down to is what has your janitor done for you lately? Not much. It seems people will do anything for money, even if it means sacrificing innocent school children. I hadn't realized that maintaining a school could turn into such a money making scam.... but it has.



BEFORE



AFTER



## Adam Carlson

## STUDENTS STUNNED INTO REFLECTION

by Stephanie Gray

At our age we seldom think about how precious life is until we are confronted with tragedy. Someone's death - whether we know the person well or not causes us to think about how people would react if we were the ones that had the tragedy. When Adam Carlson died in a car accident this summer, friends and acquaintances were stunned into that kind of reflection.

Adam had just gotten his license only 11 days earlier. He was driving on one of the back curvey roads of Nottingham, less than a mile from his house when the accident occurred. Adam had two older sisters, Nancy and Heidi. Both were outstanding athletes and very outgoing. Adam kept to himself more. Though sometimes you could really get him

talking.

One of his closest friends was Monica Hudson. She recalls only days before his death, one of her "serious talks" with Adam which she wrote about recently:

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"So what's up?" Adam asked, which was his way to signal the start of one of our so-called serious talks. "Not a whole lot," I said trying to sound convincing. "Like I'm supposed to believe

that?" he said. "You know that I want to help. If you ever need anyone to talk to, you know where to find me. I'll be there I promise."

"I know, and I'm glad. You know the same goes for you," I told him.

"Yeah, I know, but that isn't the issue today. Whatever is

bugging you is. I'll get it out of you no matter what. So you might as well tell me now," he said, trying to sound logical.

"Well it's just that...." and once again I found myself unloading my problems on his shoulders.

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Everyone needs that feeling of being cared for. Of being needed by people that you cared about. When you lose a person who is a part of your life, you only then start to realize how much someone means to you. Adam was a good friend who cared about his friends and was a true listener. Adam will never be forgotten wearing his favorite yellow and purple hat. He will live in the hearts of his friends forever. He will never be forgotten.



## UNH INTERN ASSISTS IN "MOUSE"

by Denis Luken

One of this year's fall plays "The Mouse that Roared", is being directed by Richard Tappan, a teacher in the English department at O.R.H.S., and Scott Parkinson, a student at U.N.H. This is the first time since 1980 that a U.N.H. student has helped in directing a play. Parkinson will be doing most of the directing while Mr. Tappan will supervise the production and tech work.

Tappan has been taking a course at U.N.H. this semester. He said, "Mr. Parkinson will be

running more of the rehearsals." Tappan has directed sixteen major plays and various one-acts at O.R.H.S.

Some of the plays he has directed are "Harvey", "Once Upon a Mattress", "Godspell", "You Can't Take it with You", "Coke", "J.B.", "Candide", and "Cheaper by the Dozen."

Parkinson said that the play is "A rather broad farce with a good deal of slapstick, and a good element of satire." Parkinson also commented that there was a lot to its political outlook. Parkinson's experience in

directing includes a directing class he took at U.N.H. in which he directed several 10-15 minute scenes, and a one-act play.

He's also gained experience from many directors he's worked with.

Parkinson commented that the play has not interfered with any of his courses yet. He usually schedules practice for when he has enough free time in his busy schedule. Parkinson heard about the play from Tappan and decided to give it a try. Both Tappan and Parkinson look forward to the plays opening night on November 21st.

## WANNA GET SHOT BY NURSE REEVES?

Emergency forms needed from:



are students who need to hand in their emergency forms into the nurse's office **AL ONCE!**

## CLASS OF 92 - SENIORS

Bergeron, Katrin  
Carmichael, Phillip  
Detota, Michael  
Downey, Kyle  
Driscoll, Heather  
Duncan, Graham  
Franzosa, Emily  
Gray, Stephanie  
Hubbard, Megan  
Hughson, Kristin  
Lenharth, Ross  
Long, Hugh (Scott)  
Morgan, Michael  
Twombly, Jason  
Watt, Glenn  
Risopatron, Claudia  
Russell, Sharon  
Schommer, David

## CLASS OF 1993 - JUNIORS

Armitage, Megan  
Bruder, Owen  
Byron, Charles  
Bucar, Rebecca  
DeRody, Ben  
Fernald, Brian  
Halldorson, Jeffrey  
Hamel, Charlotte  
Hardy, Joshua  
Isdal, Tor  
Kasiewicz, Chris  
Loubier, Dana  
Moennsadt, Annand  
Norton, Amy  
Robertson, Jennifer  
Simmons, Willard  
Stamper, Ben  
Stevens, Joshua  
Tandy, Jamie  
Warren, Lindsey  
Wilson, Sean

## Class of 94 - SOPHOMORES

Dulin, Karen  
Etchorn, Paul

Leathers, Aaron

Miller, Kent

Payson, Aaron

Peek, Derrick

Peek, Michelle Lee

Philbrook, Jason

Platenik, Matthew

Poore, Christopher

Priestly, Edward

Shute, George Robert

Taggart, George

Tolos, Michael

## Class of 95 - FRESHMAN

Banks, Brendon

Conrad, Benjamin

Dolan, Timothy

Ellis, Renee

Hodson, Danielle

Lanoie, Thomas

MacKenzie, Sean

MacLean, Tammy

Mercier, Jamie

Newkirk, Sarah

Stansfield, Eddie

Tsang, Terrance

Witham, James

## Elect Officers

by Nina Pudil

The French and Spanish clubs have started meeting. When they selected their officers for 1991-1992, the French club elected: President Peter Grant, Co-Vice Presidents Charlotte Hamel (an exchange student from France) and Tricia Khleif, Secretary Sarah Goode, and Treasurer Dean Kennedy.

The Spanish club elected: President Ally Limber, Vice President Jill Shapiro, Secretary Liz Burger, and Treasurer Ambre Proulx.

Neither of the clubs has made definite plans for the future, but they will be making some plans sometime in October. The Spanish Club had a bake sale on Sept. 26, 1991, which was successful.

New members are welcome to both clubs. If you have any questions contact Mr. Lord, Mrs. Schaeffer, or Mrs. Smith (the director).

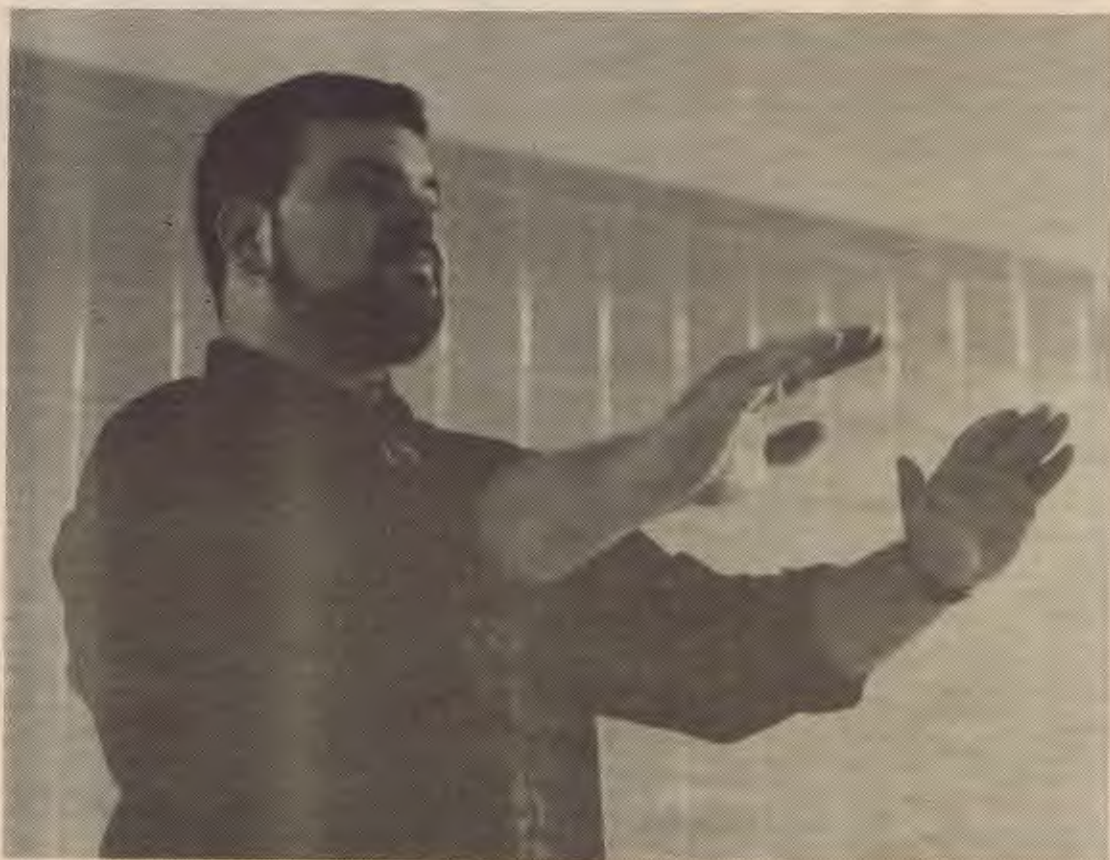


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# LAFORCE WELCOMED TO OR MUSIC DEPT.



O.R.'s new Music teacher, Marc LaForce

by Meredith Sawyer

The music department is welcoming a new addition this year—teacher, Mark LaForce.

Mr. LaForce is a recent graduate from U.N.H. When asked why he decided to teach music as a career, he replied, "I've always enjoyed music. Deciding to teach just happened!"

Being his first "real" career job, Mr. LaForce admits that he was nervous about coming to Oyster River. "I was most nervous about doing a good job. Also the low enrollment in the music classes." Last year the participation in the music department dropped severely, but Mr. LaForce is optimistic. "The enrollment this year went up. The only problem was scheduling conflicts."

This year's music program is being run

differently than it has been run in past years. Mr. LaForce teaches three periods here at the high school, and then goes up to the middle school for two periods.

When asked what he thought needs to be publicized more about the music program, Mr. LaForce replied, "I'd like to get more people to come to the concerts. I've been working with the seventh and eighth grade band, and hopefully they will be performing at the November 14 concert, along with the High School Chamber Singers and a small jazz band ensemble."

Overall, Mr. LaForce feels it was easy to adjust to Oyster River because he did not have anything to adjust to. "Since this is my first teaching job, I have nothing to compare Oyster River to. But so far I'm enjoying it."

## Local Rock Bands Staging Comeback

Over the past 4-5 years, local music has been making a comeback, compared to the down-fall about 8 years ago.

During the early eighties, technology played a big role in music. It started with keyboards and synths, and came down to D.J.s. Why have a band play when you could have a D.J. play more of a variety, and conform to the people?

Dave Ervin explained that about twelve years ago, local music was everywhere. In his town, there were at least 7 local clubs set up for kids to come and listen to live music. Slowly, the spinning of records took over. Nowadays, finding a local club that offers live music for kids is

a challenge.

Most schools have local bands. But where are you going to play? Most bars and club owners don't take 16 year olds very seriously. Most high school bands don't have a tape, so club owners have to assume that the bands are marketable. Most owners are not willing to do that.

Breaking into the music business is a tough task to do. It takes time and a large amount of work.

You may be familiar with the band "Phish". They originated in Vermont, and about three years ago started to play around this area. Their turnout back then was under 50 people. Now, 2 years later, their average concert turnout is over one thousand, depending

on how big the place is.

There are many bands around the Portsmouth-Dover area to keep an eye on. For instance, Fly-Spinach-Fly. They are starting to gig around Boston and possibly New York. Bob House is another popular local band that is getting big. Both bands play at the Stone Church in Newmarket and the M.U.B. in Durham frequently.

## CHALLENGE cont. from 1

that picking the starting four was "very hard to do" because all of the players "have different strengths and weaknesses." The four starters: Bucar, DeForest, Ritvo, and Russel, were chosen by a process which had each of the six team members taking written and oral tests.

## HALL cont. from 4

why aren't they being used."

Ms. Brown said that she understood why seniors want their own section of hall. She also commented that she tried to get the locker situation squared away by moving people to their correct locker assignments but it just doesn't work.

When former senior Mark Allen was asked the situation he said "there were only a couple of underclassmen in the hall when I was a senior."

Bryan Rutland commented that it's "nothing but seniors in senior hall, that's why it's called senior hall, doesn't that make sense."

Traditionally, senior hall has been intended for seniors. So what's the deal, underclassmen?

## ECON. cont. from 2

ness economics has 81 students enrolled for the first semester, and the social studies economics only has 14 students enrolled. Phil Nazzaro said he signed up for the social studies economics because "I heard about both of the economics classes and decided I would like a challenge, rather than taking the easier course."

## Foreign cont. from 2

France, Alan Conlan from Ireland, Tor Isdani from Norway, Slava Zaytsev and Natalie Kostareva from the Soviet Union, Doris Wong from Hong Kong, Suwichaya Sinprasong from Thailand, Lydia Rubesame and Axel Leyck from Germany, Ben DeRooy from Holland and Jordi Sanchez from Spain.

## G. V. Ball from 8

together," said Tappan. The girls first postseason match will be held Wednesday at home.

## B. X-Country from 8

health and able to function normally.

The cross-country team has an upcoming meet against Hanover in the Class I championships. Poteet says, "It will be a very close race against Hanover at the Class I Meet, but we should come out with a victory." He continued to say, "The team is starting to come together at the right time."

The team has been aided by the addition of first year members Axel Leyck, Garret Curry and James Dolan, who was also nominated for Athlete of the

Month. Other star performers are Russ Warren and Mike Northrop.

## G. X-Country from 8

Cleery, Jean Croker, Monica Hudson, Marni Thibault, Heather Carmicheal, Mary Beth Nazarro, Kelly DeForest and Tammy MacLean.

Mrs. Gephardt commented, "We lost alot of our varsity team to last years graduation, we also picked up a lot of new runners, mostly freshmen, and I've seen a lot of improvement."

In 1989 the ORHS girls cross-country team was undefeated. In November of 1989 the girls won the New England Race in Rhode Island against teams from all over New England.

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# SPORTS

## FIELD HOCKEY REBUILDING WITH ADDITION OF JV TEAM

by Dawn Myrick

The ORHS Varsity field hockey team with a record 1-12 is working hard to rebuild the team with only four returning varsity first-string players.

In a recent game Oyster River Varsity team was defeated by Kingswood with a score of 1-7. Sarla DeGeorge scored the one point for OR.

Last year, the field hockey team consisted mostly of seniors. With the seniors leaving there was talk about whether or not there would be a field hockey team this year. However interest has grown and now there is a JV team.

Coach Cathy Baker, said of this year's teams, "They're very young, they have a

great deal of importance, and hopefully this season would be a good foundation for a couple years to come."

Mr. Nichols and Ms. Baker were afraid that the freshmen coming in would feel too much pressure playing on the varsity team or that they wouldn't even try out. The result was the creation of a JV team. "I talked to a few schools and put the JV under class L so they would have seven games of equal competition, a chance to play, and for success," replied Mr. Nichols.

The Varsity team consists of captains Liz Burger, Chandoline Byrnes, and Sarla DeGeorge. Other members of the team are

Jamie Alford, Jennifer Alford, Molly Capron, Liz Firczuk, Rebecca Givan, Kim Goodman, Casey Hall, Erandy Hoover, Michele Issokson, Melissa Walerysak, and Mali Welch.

This year there is a JV team working hard and working together to achieve their goals. The JV team holds a record of 1-2-2.

The JV team consists of Charlotte Berndtson, Melanie Chase, Kate Crawford, Robin Desy, Meg Frazer, Sarah Johnson, Kathy Morong, Amanda Richmond, and Dana Smith.

In the years to come Oyster River High School will try to have a full Varsity and Junior Varsity teams.



Field Hockey Captain Sarla DeGeorge swats at the ball.

## Strong season, weak playoffs BOYS' VB TOURNEY DEJA VU 1990

by Margot Anderson

This past weekend, the OR boys volleyball team competed in the state tournament. Unfortunately, Oyster River didn't finish up a strong season with a championship.

O.R. had a disappointing start this year winning only one of their first four games but has since been able to improve the record, bringing it up to 6-4, heading into the tournament.

Their first match was a double header a-

gainst Derryfield and Mascenic. The boys had a smashing start beating Derryfield, letting the opponents win only one of the four games. They then turned around and lost to Mascenic after holding out through five games.

Next, they travelled to Mascenic and lost in three quick games. Senior Dave Delude, commented "We didn't play to win, we were very lacadasical."

Suddenly, there was a turn for the better. The boys travelled to

Derryfield and crushed the opponents in three games. They continued their good fortune and beat Pinkerton in three fast paced games.

Senior player, Ryan Souza, commented "I think that part of the problem is that when there is no communication everyone's frustration level gets increasingly high." Senior Ben Adams said "We had a bad start this season but we've improved a lot." George Carey again coaches this years team.



Abby Burton slides into opposing goalie as Shannon Veno prepares to assist

## Another Winning Season

## O.R. GIRLS SOCCER HEADED TO PLAYOFFS

by Seamus Fleming

Once again, the Oyster River girls' varsity soccer team is making their mark in the state as a strong team. According to Shannon Veno, a player, with the team only losing two seniors, the experience of the many returning seniors could help lead them to becoming a potential competitor for the state title.

With a powerful offensive line and a new keeper, Lesley Anderson, the Bobcats have gained a respectable record of 9 and 4.

Oyster River lost their most recent game 0 - 1 to Lebanon. The players from Lebanon came out very hard and pumped, while OR seemed rather flat and intimidated. "They played very physical and with a high degree of intensity," player Jamie Smith.

Oyster River didn't show any real offense until the last ten minutes of the game. During these ten minutes, the Lebanon goal keeper managed several excellent saves, holding OR at bay.

During the first half of the game, OR goal keeper Lesley

Anderson took a beating. On one play, making the initial save, Anderson was charged by a Lebanon striker who jarred the ball loose. Anderson managed to get to the ball again just as another Lebanon player hit her, keeping the ball still in play. Diving on the ball trying to get possession, Anderson was kicked in the head, causing her to see double.

OR hung in until a communication error between Anderson and a OR defender broke down resulting in the one Lebanon goal. It was a simple play back and Anderson just miss read where the ball was going to go. All OR could do was watch it roll slowly in the net. Head coach Chris Morrill said, "I'm pleased with the way the team has played this year."

The members of the girls' varsity soccer team this year are: Lesley Anderson, Erica Beck, Abigail Burton, Tory Jennison, Shannon Veno, Julie Walsh, Nicole Bellabona, Liz Fernald, Jen Friel, Holly Mackay, TouTou Saravong, Kasey Evans, Kim Golding, Diane Jennison, Anita Pudil, Kim Eddy, Chantal Grady, and Jamie Smith.

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senior captains Russ DeForest and Eric Ritvo, bring stability in the back. Seniors Saravong, Tim Myers and Sabin bring a combination of intelligence and drive up front. Senior Captain Jon Criswell, Fleming and Anderson have control at midfield.

Seven different people scored in the

fifteen players have helped scored points. Coach Brooks wanted to recognize the goalies by saying "We also depend on a sophomore goalie combination of Hunt Howell and Tucker Katz. Senior Seamus Fleming said that the team is "The same as last year in terms of attitude and skill.", but Ritvo disagreed by saying "We are working much harder this year."



## Girls' Volleyball end with 14-2 record QUARTER FINALS AT HOME WEDS NIGHT IN VB TOURNEY

by Dave Delude

The girls volleyball team is headed to the playoffs after finishing their season with a 14-2 record.

This year's team consists of five seniors: Ally Limber, Mandy Tappan, Jen Olsen, Sarah Heath and Chrissy Jackson.

Starters for the Bobcats are: Ally Limber, Stefany Shaheen, Sara Weidhaas, Jen Olsen and setters Mandy Tappan and Quincy Souza.

A recent game versus Exeter showed that the Bobcats are for real. When the Bobcats visited Exeter they faced a crucial situation. The Bobcats were down 3-11 in the third game and they came back to win it.

"Exeter proved our character when we came back from 3-11 in the

third to win it," said Senior captain Ally Limber.

When Exeter came to Durham to play the Bobcats, the rowdies were out in full force as the Bobcats beat the team from Exeter in two straight games.

Next year's team looks like it will be a very strong team with Stefany Shaheen, Sara Weidhaas and Quincy Souza already starting. Michele Monroe, Ambre Proulx, Jillian Downey and Meg Jentes of this year's bench squad will be joining them.

The team's goal this year, other than having fun, is to become the state champions.

The team this year is "confident, but not cocky," said senior Jen Olsen.

The only flaw in the Bobcat's perfect record came against the toughest team they will face this year, Pinkerton.

The girls struggled in the first game, eventually losing. The girls rebounded quickly to win the second game, unfortunately, it was not enough. The girls lost the second game, along with the match.

This year the girls coach, Ed Sharon, is in his fourth year as head coach of the varsity volleyball team. When asked about their relationship with the coach Mandy Tappan and Quincy Souza, had this to say, "Coach is awesome! He pushes us, but is always there to complement us."

Stefany Shaheen said that "He acts as a motivator not a cheerleader."

This year's team, as a whole, seems to be very close. "We are a tight, close family," Quincy Souza said.

"We have a lot of fun  
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Stephany Shaheen readies a spike with backup from senior Ally Limber.

## OYSTER RIVER CROSS

BOYS LEAD BY WARREN,  
POTEET, AND NORTHROP

by Caroline Tully and Eric Ritvo

This year's cross-country team is off to a strong start as a result of the exceptional ability of the team members.

This past weekend, at the Class I meet held at O.R.H.S., the team was victorious. Russ Warren, Scott Poteet, and Mike Northrop, finished the race 4th, 5th, and 6th, respectively, to pace the Bobcat win. The race had to be rerouted around the ongoing

Hanover vs. Oyster River soccer match. No runners were struck by a soccer ball, but Northrop had to do his Carl Lewis impression and leap a missed Hanover shot.

A few isolated injuries hampered the individual performance of the runners. For example, Captain Poteet suffered internal bleeding due to a blow to the leg which impaired him temporarily. On the whole, though, the team is in good

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## COUNTRY WINS CLASS I

LEVESQUE PACES 'CAT WIN

by Marni Thibault

This past weekend, at the Class I meet held at O.R.H.S., the Bobcat girls cross country team finished first overall. Pacing the win was Amy Levesque, who finished a strong third.

On Saturday October 5 the Oyster River girls' Cross Country team went home with first place trophy. The girls team placed first in the Portsmouth Relays, a race consisting of three scoring teams from Oyster River.

"We have a lot of good attitudes this

year," commented their coach Carol Gephart. Other meets this year have taken place at Bishop Guertin High School in Nashua, Oyster River, Derryfield in Manchester, and in Exeter where the girls also placed first.

The Assistant Coach for the girls this year is Oyster River graduate Jen Jenkins. The team this year consists of Co-Captains Amy Levesque, and Jessica Thibault, and team members Katrin Bergeron, Mara Kerns, Ruth Bristol, Mary Mc-

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## Boys' Soccer 8-4-2 before Goffstown game

## THE PRIDE IS BACK GOING INTO PLAYOFFS



Oyster River boys' soccer gets a mid-game pep talk from coach, Al Brooks.

by Nina Pudil

The Bobcats boys' soccer team is off to a great start with a record of 8-4-2.

On October 10, boys soccer played Kingswood and won 4-1 with Kris Anderson, Chris Jerard, TiTi Saravong, and Donald LaFerriere scoring goals. On Thursday, October 15, they conquered Sanborn 3-2, in overtime. The three tallies came from Frank Sabin, Russel DeForest, and TiTi Saravong with the winning goal. "It was an exciting game!" commented senior Seamus Fleming.

The Bobcats continued their strong play with a hard fought 1-1 tie with topped ranked Timberlane. Timberlane scored their lone goal on a fluke goal off a corner kick. With time running out TiTi Saravong put in a cross into the bottom of the net. The goal came with 41 seconds

left on the clock. The two teams play to a standstill for the last 41 seconds. On the Timberlane game Tim Myers commented, "The Timberlane game showed our unwillingness to surrender whether we are playing the best or the worst team in the state."

After two tough overtime games, and playing undermanned Hanover apparently wore down the Bobcat players throughout the game. After taking an early 1-0 lead off a Donald LaFerriere goal. In the second half Hanover's continued pressure was too strong for OR as they kicked in 4 goals in that final half as they won going away 4-1.

Coach Al Brooks said, "All the seniors are good, but everyone brings something special to the team." According to Brooks,

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